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SPIDER-MAN, I CAN TELL FROM *HERE* SHE'S FINISHED.

NOW GET *AWAY* FROM H--

AHHH!

MASKED FREAK! YOU COULD'A *KILLED* ME!

KOWALSK!... GIVE THE GUY SOME ROOM, HUH?

WHERE IS HE? WHERE'S *VENOM*?

I... DON'T KNOW. HE ESCAPED INTO THE--

HE'S DEAD.

WHEREVER HE IS, HE'S *DEAD*.

SHE'S DEAD. OH MY LORD, THAT...

...THAT POOR GIRL...

SHIELD NEWS ALERT

GABRIEL! OH, HONEY, I'M SO SORRY.

SORRY? SORRY ABOUT WHAT?

YOU HAVEN'T HEARD. OH NO, YOU HAVEN'T HEARD.

HEARD? MA, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THERE WAS A SHOOTOUT AT THE ESCHER CLUB... SPIDER-MAN WAS THERE, AND SOME CREATURE... AND DANA WAS...

DANA?

DANA?

SPIDER-MAN AND... DANA?

PANAAA!

GABRIEL! HONEY, WA--

GET AWAY FROM ME! EVERYBODY GET AWAY!!

REPEATING, ALL CITIZENS ALERT. THE CREATURE CALLED "VENOM" IS STILL ON THE *LOOSE*.

DO NOT APPROACH VENOM UNDER *ANY* CIRCUMSTANCE. HE IS A DANGEROUS AND *SICK* INDIVIDUAL.

IF YOU SPOT HIM, ALERT PUBLIC EYE AUTHORITIES *IMMEDIATELY*. DO *NOT* ATTEMPT TO APPREHEND.

REPEATING, ALL CITIZENS ALERT. THE CREATURE CALLED "VENOM" IS STILL ON THE *LOOSE*...

ALL RIGHT, PEOPLE. YOU'RE THE *BEST* MINDS WE'VE GOT HERE AT ALCHEMAX. SO TELL ME WHAT THIS CREATURE *IS*.

BEFORE WINSTON WAS KILLED, HE DUG UP DATA ON A "VENOM" FROM THE HEROIC AGE.

IT WAS SOME SORT OF ALIEN... *THING*. BUT WE'VE ALMOST *NOTHING* BEYOND THAT.

MR. O'HARA, A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION AROUND THAT TIME REMAINS *SKETCHY*. WE'VE NEVER QUITE DETERMINED *WHY* THAT--

I DON'T GIVE A FLYING *SHOCK* WHY! I WANT IT *SOLVED!*

THIS THING *MUST* HAVE A WEAKNESS! *FIND* IT!

WE DO HAVE A *PIECE* OF IT. FOUND IT IN THE OUTER OFFICE.

NO YOU'RE NOT.

I AM.

WE'D THOUGHT IT WAS *DEAD* BUT IT SEEMS TO BE *REGENERATING* ITSELF. WE'RE STUDYING IT RIGHT N--

DOWNTOWN.

I'VE GIVEN YOU TIME TO *RECONSIDER*, KASEY NASH.

BUT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN GIVING *ME* AN ANSWER.

INSTEAD YOU'VE BEEN GIVING ME THE *SLIP*. DID YOU THINK I'D *FORGET* ABOUT YOU?

=HUH=
=HUH=
=HUH=

DID YOU?!?!

D...D...

DAAA... nuh...

MR. STONE. THE DOCTORS TOLD ME YOU HAD REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.

I'M JAKE GALLOWS. PRESIDENT DOOM WANTS ME TO HANDLE THIS INVESTI-GATION PERSONALLY.

I...I can't... no...

I don't know... WHO can't SEE him...

Where's... DANA...?

DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR ASSAILANT WAS, MR. STONE?

SHE'S... RESTING.

ITS MUTATIVE POWERS ARE UNPARALLELED IN NATURE. IT REINVENTS ITSELF ON A MOLECULAR LEVEL.

THERE'S NO TELLING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ITS PRESENT STATE AND ITS FIRST KNOWN INCARNATION A CENTURY AGO.

THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY ARE...

I WANT IT DEAD!!!

I DON'T WANT IT STUDIED.

HUH! IT FLINCHED.

INTERESTING. WE'VE TRIED ALL MANNER OF STIMULUS, RADIATION... GOTTEN NO REACTION AT ALL. PERHAPS NEGATIVE EMOTIONS BOTHER IT.

EXCEPT EXCESS "NEGATIVITY" SURE DOESN'T SLOW DOWN VENOM.

MAYBE SOUND BOTHERS IT. IT'S FARFETCHED, BUT...

...IT MIGHT HAVE PROBLEMS WITH SOUND!

TRY CONCENTRATED SOUND BURSTS OF DIFFERENT FREQUENCIES!

MR. O'HARA? A FRIEND OF YOURS? MISS KWAN?

NOW'S NOT A REAL GOOD TIME, XIN'.

I KNOW, I'M SORRY. IT'S JUST... I'VE GOT ALL THESE EMOTIONS, AND I...

THIS VENOM MADMAN...

NOT A "MAN!" A XENOMORPH. WE HAVE A SAMPLE OF IT.

AN... ALIEN? I SPEND MY LIFE INVESTIGATING ET'S, AND THIS IS MY FIRST CONTACT?

HOW ARE WE GOING TO CAPTURE...?

"CAPTURE?" XINA, AS SOON AS WE LEARN HOW, VENOM'S DEAD.

BUT...

DEAD!

MR. O'HARA, YOU BETTER COME LOOK AT THIS.

COMING, PAUL.

XINA, WE FINISHED?

YES, I THINK WE ARE.

WELL, WELL. OUR FRIEND WENT ALL TO PIECES.

SOUND, MR. O'HARA. YOU WERE RIGHT.

PARTICULARLY IN THE HIGHER VIBRATORY RANGES. IT JUST... LOST COHESION.

GENTLEMEN... LET'S SEE IF WE CAN CALL MR. VENOM TO COME OUT AND PLAY.

PLAYTIME IS OVER, MISS NASH! YOU'VE RUN, HIDDEN, REFUSED TO COOPERATE... ■ SHORT, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN A TEAM PLAYER!

IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, THERE ARE FEW OPTIONS OPEN TO ME. PLUS, I HAVE THIS PROBLEM...

...I LIKE PLAYING WITH MY FOOD.

LET HER GO, VULTURE!

HANG ON, MISS.

THIS WILL TAKE BUT A MINUTE.

SHE'S OFF LIMITS, VULTURE! YOU HEAR?

OFF LIMITS!!

EEEEE!

UHHH!

THIS GAME'S GONE ON FAR TOO LONG.

IT'S TIME TO REMOVE SOME PLAYERS FROM THE BOARD, STARTING WITH...

SKRE

EEEF

AGHHHH!

WHAT...

...ARE YOU DOING...

...TO US?!?

HERE! IT'S COMING THROUGH HERE!

AND STILL... THAT SOUND! EVERYWHERE!

IT'S EVERY-SHOCKIN'-WHERE!

TURN IT OFF!

HOW ABOUT...

...WE TURN YOU OFF!

YOU! YOU'RE BEHIND THIS!

YOU THINK SOME... SOME NOISE... IS GOING TO STOP US!

OH, I KNOW IT IS.

BECAUSE NOW WE'VE GOT YOU LOCALIZED!

ARGH!!

NOW WE TURN THE VOLUME UP AND FOCUS IT!

I SEE YOU'RE NOT SHAPE-SHIFTING TO ESCAPE, EH?

COULD IT BE, YOU MURDERING SLIME, THAT IT'S ALL YOU CAN DO TO HOLD YOURSELF TOGETHER?

THAT THE SOUND BUFFETING THROUGH THE PUBLIC EYE SYSTEM IS ROBBING YOU OF YOUR POWER?

COULD IT BE YOUR LITTLE REIGN OF TERROR IS FINISHED?!

CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE ALL ROOTING FOR--

SPIDER-MAN! GET HIM! KILL HIM!

KILL THE MONSTER!

OH, NO! YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!

I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND BEFORE YOU DIE, MONSTER, JUST WHAT YOU DID!

JUST WHO YOU KILLED!

JUST WHAT YOU DID TO ME, SO WHEN I FINISH YOU OFF, I--

WHAT THE DEVIL?

IT'S...IT'S HUMAN UNDERNEATH?

LORD IN HEAVEN, IT HAS A HUMAN HOST!

I...GIVE UP... JUST..JUST TURN THE SOUND OFF.. IT'S...TEARING US APART... PLEASE...

IT'S HUMAN...WITH THE ALIEN JOINED TO HIM, LIKE SOME SORT OF SYMBIOTE!

KILLING A MONSTER IS ONE THING...BUT A HELPLESS HUMAN...?

GET HIM!

FINISH HIM!

I'VE FOUGHT OTHERS TO THE DEATH...BUT NEVER WHEN THEY WERE BEGGING FOR THEIR LIVES...

...IT WOULD BE... COLD-BLOODED MURDER...

MERCY... PLEASE...

LIKE DANA... MURDERED LIKE...

YOU'RE... A MONSTER...

HUMAN OR NOT... ALIEN OR NOT... YOU'RE A MONSTER...

AND I WILL NOT SUFFER A MONSTER TO LIVE!

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO LIVE! YOU...

YOU?

NEXT: WHO?

2099 BITMAPPED

Reality Bytes

Hey Frantic Ones!

All right, it's not the most original opening for a Bullpen page. Except this month, "Frantic ones" refers to us!

Big Deal!

Well, it IS a big deal! Next month, the SPIDER-MAN MEETS SPI-
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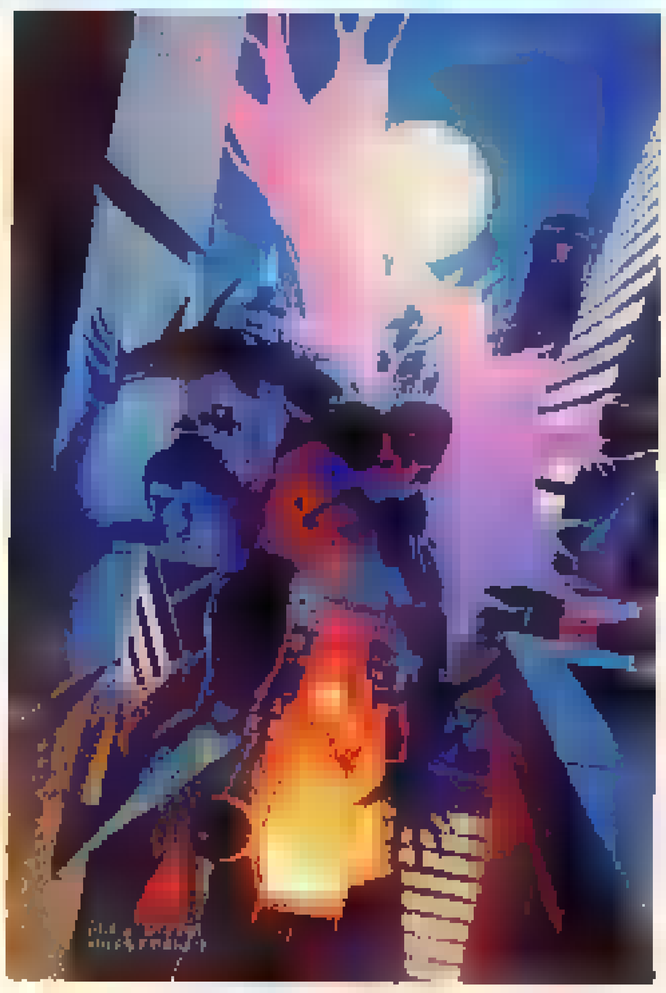

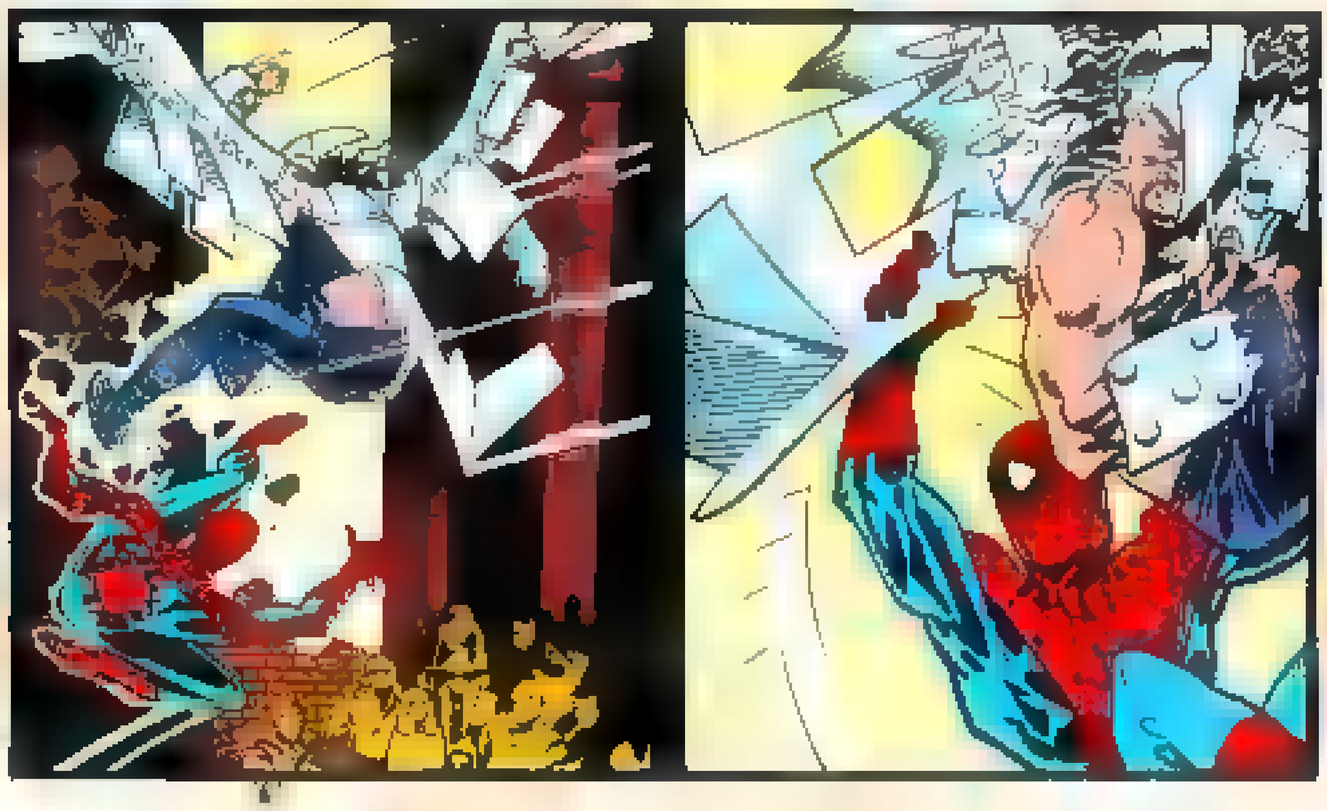

Another Big Deal!

Oh yeah! Here's the cover to the SPIDER-MAN 2099 SPECIAL by the
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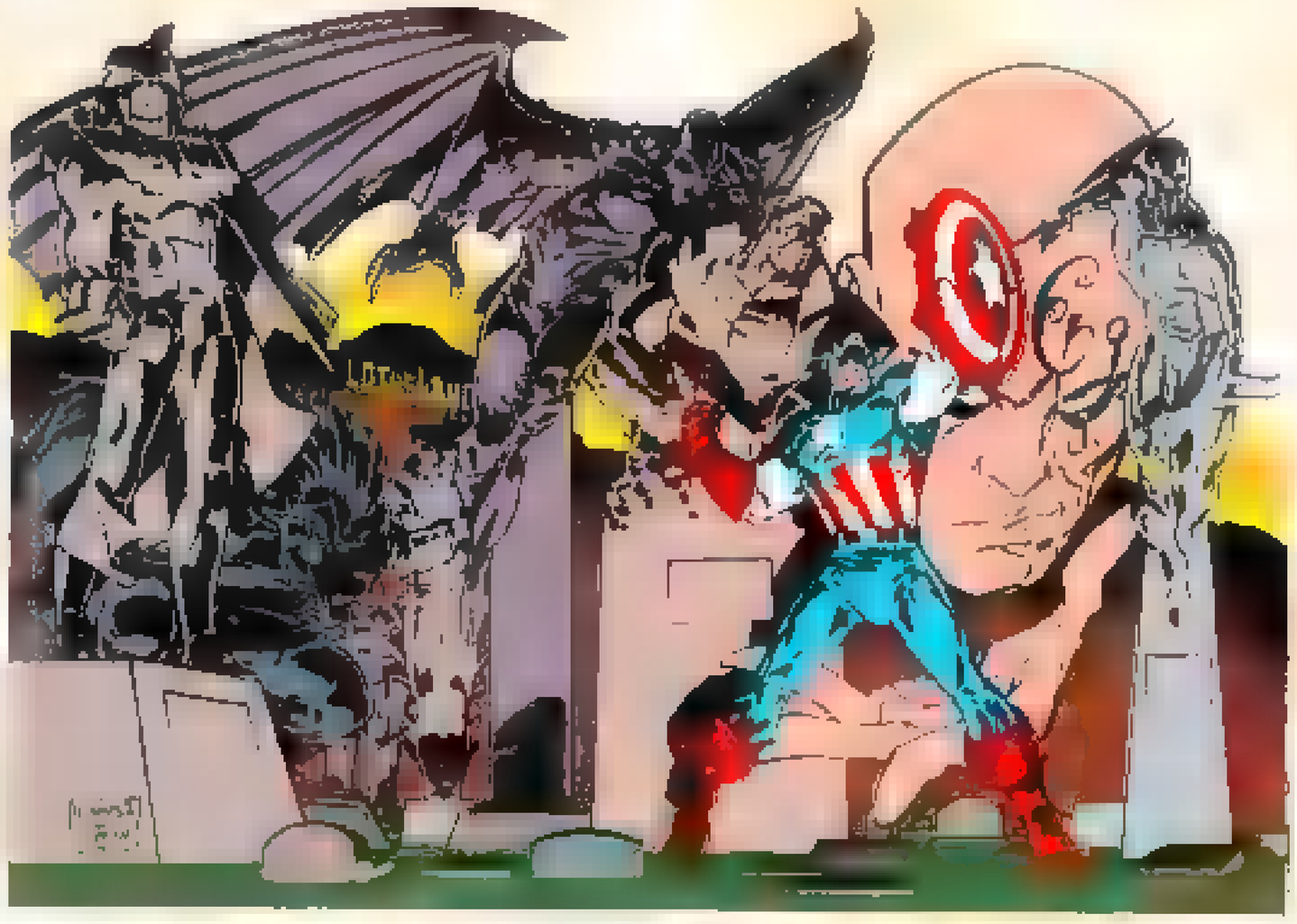

It's Always Darkest...

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The following month, thrill to 2099 A.D. GENESIS! This is the
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That Is To Say-

We're introducing two new books at year's end...or as we'd
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Each one marking a new (and time appropriate) era for the 2099 world!

MORE OF MARVEL 2099

SPIDER-MAN 2099 #37—A cast member dies and the mystery deepens...who is Venom 2099?
SPIDER-MAN 2099 SPECIAL #1—
th
three really cool Spidey stories
on
2099...and the Man-Spider!
GHOST RIDER 2099 #19—
's
favorite funnybook!
DOOM 2099 #36—
outt
kicked...and now he's
than he has any right to be!
THE PUNISHER 2099 #34—
X-MEN 2099 #26—The entire team as a
the staff of the X-Nation storyline! If you wanna be on board for the biggest event of the New Year...this is the place to start!

Stan Lee Presents Young Miguel O'Hara in:

HASTA LA VISTA

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YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA FIX IT!

LOOK, YOU GOT *YOURSELF* INTO THIS. DON'T WHINE AT *ME* BECAUSE Y--

NET

YOU CANDY BUTT!

YOU LET *HER* PUSH YOU AROUND! YOU--!

SHUT UP, YOU LITTLE PUNK!

I WENT TO THE *WALL* FOR YOU, KRON, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO CRUSH MY *HEAD* AGAINST IT.

OHHH!!

NOW PACK YOUR THINGS. BE READY TO *LEAVE* IN HALF AN HOUR.

WELL, WELL... OUR LITTLE SNOOPERS AGAIN.

MIKE, MIGHT WE HAVE A FEW MINUTES ALONE?

UH... OKAY, I GUESS...

SCREAM IF YOU NEED ME.

THIS IS A DIFFICULT SITUATION, MIKE, AND KRON *IS* A DIFFICULT BOY.

WELL, *SURE*, HAVING YOU AS A FATHER CAN'T MAKE LIFE *EASY* FOR HIM... NO OFFENSE.

"NO OFFENSE!" I SEE.

IS *THAT* YOUR JUDGMENT OF ME? THAT I'M A *LOUSY* PERSON TO HAVE AS A FATHER?

HEY, DON'T BE CONCERNED. IT'S NOT LIKE MY *OWN* FATHER IS ANY GREAT SHAKES. WHO AM I TO CRITICIZE?

BELIEVE ME, MIKE... TRUER WORDS WERE NEVER SPOKEN.

I APOLOGIZE FOR ANY HARDSHIP KRON CAUSED. ENJOY YOUR LIFE.

I'LL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU... SON.

WHAT DID HE SAY?

HE SAID HE'D BE KEEPING AN EYE ON ME. AND HE CALLED ME "SON".

EEECHH! "SON!" CAN YOU IMAGINE HAVING HIM FOR A FATHER?

OH, PLEASE, LIKE I HAVEN'T GOT ENOUGH PROBLEMS.

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Out Of My Head

Just flew in from San Diego, and boy, are my motor neurons tired.

It was more than a convention, it was a...lovefest. Yeah, Lovefest '95, that's the ticket. I'll share some of the anecdotes in this column in some of the other books. Meantime, thanks for stopping by the Marvel table! It was a real blast meeting many of you who I know only through the mail or cyberspatially! (Even got to meet Ashley Wood, who does our GHOST RIDER 2099 book... we only correspond via phone, fax or incompetent Overnight!)

Dear Arachnophilia,

I loved issue #35. The way you handled Venom and how different you made him from the original Spider-Man's comics were perfect. I've got every issue of SPIDEY 2099 and I must say he's the best villain you've ever had in your comics. A few questions:

1. Is the symbiote the same one that is in the SPIDER-MAN comics?

2. If it is the same one, does he have the same feelings as the other one does?

3. Is there a chance that there could be a human inside the symbiote?

4. Does he shoot webbing like Spidey does?

I hope you'll bring back Venom more and more. I bet now that people asked for Venom they'll want Carnage 2099 next. I don't think you should, but if you do, find an original way to do him!

Ronnie Oberholzer
Waynesboro, PA

1. Nope. 2. He hates Spidey, just like the original. 3. If you read this issue, Ronnie, you know. 4. Nope.

Dear Arachnophilia,

SPIDEY 2099 #35, what can I say but wow? And it's about time. Venom 2099 has got to be the best villain of all time in the best comic of all time. My guess at who Venom is, **[Hi, this is Joey. I'm kinda cutting out all the guesses until next issue's big revelation. Tough break, but you'll all find out next month!]**

I'm glad the "Young Miguel O'Hara" stories are on hiatus for a while. I didn't like them very much.

I also think I know how the Heroic Age ended. In the Marvel metal cards, alternate M set, Kraven killed Spider-Man. Then, posing as the Webbed Wonder, went on a killing spree. J. Jonah Jameson insisted it was Spider-Man's doings which led the government to outlaw super heroic activity, thus ending the Heroic Age, which also means the Universe of 2099 is in an alternate universe.

I hope to see Spidey 2099 run a lot longer than Ravage or Hulk 2099, say, 400 hundred issues more! I'm glad to say I'll be around for every one!

Dana Kittilsen
Halifax, Canada

Glad you enjoyed seeing Venom! Dana, as for your other theories, let's state for the record that this is not an alternate timeline! It better not be...it's the only one we got!

Hello Arachnophilia!

After a lengthy absence from SPIDER-MAN 2099... or should I say return to SPIDEY 2099 A.D.? I'm happy to be back. I'm relieved to see Peter David's still writing the book. (How many books does he write, anyway?) Mig's trouble with Lyla brought a much needed grin to my face. Tyler Stone's Mig's real father! If I'd been Mig, I would've needed a three liter bottle of Pepto! (Or whatever they use in 2099!)

Artwise, Wildman and Baskerville's work have cleaned up Spidey... royally! No puns, these dudes have such sharp, clean art compared to Leonardi and Williamson. My heart really started beating when Venom and Spidey met for the first time. The speech of "Back when we are another (or should it be 'we another'?) and you were another... the players may have changed... but the game's the same... who wins... who dies... and this time... the winner will be VENOM!" leads me to believe it's **[Hi, Joey again. Right or wrong, I wanna play fair and let everybody discover the truth for themselves next ish!]** Do I pay up or collect on that bet? (Somehow I have a feeling we might see a Carnage 2099, but if Venom 2099 is an enemy to stay an enemy, I doubt we need a Carnage.) One more thing: I gotta admit: Eddie Brock's Venom is a lot cuddlier than this Venom.

Miguel O'Hara is such an improvement over Peter Parker in so many ways. (Too many for me to name.) Speaking of which, when are we gonna see Miguel & Peter (or maybe Ben Reilly) meet? I am one of the many who are furious over the nonsense that the original Spidey we've known and loved since #150 is actually the clone. I'm fed up with this clone biz. That's why I welcome SPIDEY 2099 A.D. No clones, no this, no that. The only bad guy similarities I've seen are just the names and that's all. Vulture 2099 was a serious far cry from the 20th century Vulture.

To close this out, I'm excited about Mig's battle with Venom. I hope someday... Miguel has Peter Parker and Ben Reilly for breakfast. Miguel O'Hara REIGNS!

Clint Cristal
Trussville, AL

Glad you're back reading SPIDER-MAN 2099, Clint. Even if that's a "no" vote for a SCARLET SPIDER 2099. If you stick around, we think you'll enjoy what other future plans Peter David has, including another new villain next ish!

Dear Web-Slingers,

I thought I'd drop ya a line and tell you how much I enjoy SPIDER-MAN 2099, since I just re-read every issue.

First off, I gotta tell you, I love those "Young Miguel O'Hara" back-up stories. I'd like to see them more often.

Second, Xina is a total babe. Why'd Miggy dump her? Dana's okay and all, but Xina's perfect for Mig. I get a kick outta her smart remarks. They're priceless.

Keep Xina around (don't kill her)! Maybe she and Miggy can get back together; here's hopin'.

Third, Peter David has done an excellent job not only with Mig, but also with the terrific supporting cast! Rick Leonardi is one of my favorite artists, however I do love Joe St. Pierre's artwork. And how could I forget Joey? He's the greatest editor there is!

Fourth, I can't wait until Spider-Man meets Spider-Man 2099!!

And oh, yeah, I can't understand why Miguel hates the name "Mike", I've always thought it was pretty cool.

Mike Phillips
Lafayette, IN

If you like Rick's work, then that meeting between Spidey 'n' Spidey 2099 will be well worth the wait, Mike! Peter, Rick and Al did a heckofa job on this bookshelf edition, which has more than its share of surprise twists, turns and guests!

Next Issue

Goblin 2099.
Y'liked Venom, didn't cha?
Also, the face of Venom!
Need we say more?